

MAD-DOG SKULLCAP
Scutellaria lateriflora

Located in wet thickets, meadows and swampy woods throughout the Division. Also known as Blue or Side Flowering Skullcap, Blue Pimpernel, Madweed and Hoodwort.

A perennial, spreading by thread-like rhizomes or runners. The stems are branchless to many branched, smooth (may be minutely hairy above); 0.1 to 1 m high. Leaves are thin, generally hairless, egg-shaped, tapering to a gradual point, rounded at the base, on slender leafstalks, coarsely toothed; 1.8 to 12 cm long, 0.6 to 6 cm wide. Flowers are blue-violet (sometimes pink or white), two-lipped, tube-like with a projection on the upper side, 1.2 cm long; generally in pairs (2 to 44 flowers) on long leafy stalks which arise from the leaf axils or the end of the stem; blooming from June to September.



Serves
as a food
for pheas-
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